

## Monterey Crew 1 Visit Local School Kids



Even during the height of fire season, Los Padres National Forest firefighters find time to interact with their communities. So it was on July 30, 2013, when Monterey's Crew 1 paid a visit to the Little Angels Head Start school in King City to introduce the students to Smokey Bear and talk about their jobs as wildland firefighters.

The three- to five-year olds eagerly explored the crew's buggy, donned their personal protection equipment, and listened intently as a member of the crew read the story of Smokey Bear. The kids learned about Smokey's rules for being safe in the forest and not playing with matches.

"This was a fun opportunity for us to give back to our local community, and share the important messages that kids need to know," said Monterey Handcrew Captain Harold Cook. "It's never too early to talk with children about responsible fire use."

Crew 1 spent a fun-filled morning with the school kids and left with the satisfaction that comes from making a difference in their community.

*Contributed by Harold Cook*